ITJSG Minutes
August 9, 1999

Attendance: COL Syd Hill (DCMC-AB), Rowe Campbell (DCMC-BA), COL Thomas Sutliff (DCMDW, via Teleconference), Donna McKalip (DCMC-ABA), Donna Faulhaber (DCMC-ABO), Joseph Petrucelli (DCMC-BD), Don Peterson (DCMC-PLAS PMC), Joan Donahue (DCMC-ABA), Thomas Campana (DCMDI FASST), Stan Tumosa (DCMCC-K), Lawrence Gamble (DISOF), Dave Hoshaw (DCMDI-Hotline), Lester Kuhl (DCMC-BD), Geoff Hart (Analyst) and Tory Baggiano (Analyst). No representation from DCMC-O or DCMC-P.

Agenda:

1) **DIRAMS v5.0 Milestone III Approval Request**- Donna McKalip (Attached)

2) **PLAS v9.04 Milestone I Request**- Don Peterson (Attached)

3) **CAS Component Directory and Starguide Project Status**- Vic Szabo (Attached)

Minutes (Action Items and Decisions in blue italics):

Prior Minutes

- COL Hill acted as the ITJSG Chairman and ran the meeting.
- *The ITJSG approved the action to finalize/post the 7/28 ITJSG Minutes.*

DIRAMS v5.0, Milestone III (Deployment) Approval Request- Donna McKalip

- Donna McKalip presented the attached DIRAMS v5.0 Milestone III briefing, with support from IPT members Joe Petrucelli (Functional Sponsor), Stan Tumosa (transitioning to DCMC-AB) and Lawrence Gamble (Technical Support).
- *DIRAMS has been off-line for about a week in order to complete the Operational Test (OT) in Phoenix. Donna M.cKalip recommended that DIRAMS v5.0 be approved by the ITJSG for deployment.*

Functionality

- Donna McKalip summarized the enhanced DIRAMS v5.0 Definition/Functionality (slides 2,3).
- Rowe Campbell asked who will be responsible for maintaining version 5.0.
- DSDC has maintained the system in the past, a small contract with ManTech (contractor) will be developed for FY00 maintenance.
- Donna McKalip addressed slides 4-6 that specified DIRAMS added functionality in v5.0.
- COL Syd Hill asked the reason for removing Flight Operations (Mishap and Risk Assessment) Functionality.
- The users did not use some of the functions and also did not want some of the data transmitted in DIRAMS.

Testing

- DIRAMS v5.0 Testing (Systems, Functional, Environmental and Operational Issues, slides 8-11) was addressed.
- At the Atlanta Functional Test, 44 new requirements were generated- 21 were accomplished in v5.0- the remaining 23 will be incorporated into the next version.
- The Phoenix Operational Test was valuable in that a few small problems were found (w/ rollover passwords and property date sequencing). These would have been much larger problems had the software been deployed before they were corrected.
- DCMDI performed a comprehensive testing over the whole system, while the DCMDE and W used test scripts.

- This process worked well as the test scripts provided a smooth and consistent testing method and the comprehensive DCMDI testing found some errors that the test scripts would not have found.

Maintenance

- Rowe Campbell asked if DCMC Integrated Technology Center resources would be used to maintain the system.
- The DCMC Integrated Technology Center will be responsible for all maintenance, either directly or indirectly, through a subcontractor agreement.

Data Availability

- COL Sutliff asked the reason that certain catalogues of data are not currently available to the field for queries and when the catalogues would be restored.
- The catalogues required a redesigning process that could not be done until after v5.0 deployment because the catalogues cannot be called up if they are not deployed. The catalogues would be restored by COB 8/20.
- COL Sutliff stated that due to the way that DIRAMS version 5.0 Deployment planning was handled, it does not seem that there is another option other than to deploy the system.
- The old system could be brought back on-line, but it would take longer than to redesign the new catalogues.
- Stan Tumosa stated he would also have to check on contractor availability in order to bring the old system back up.
- *COL Hill asked for a list of the DIRAMS catalogues that are not currently available.*
- The list was to be provided.
- Col Sutliff stated he felt a Milestone III decision implies there is a decision to be made. In this case, with the DIRAMS shut down, we are left with a need to deploy something which has less functionality for the field than the old system until the new catalogs are built. There is really no practical decision here. In similar circumstances, the Milestone III approval should be sought before the legacy system is shut down and if technically possible parts of the program such as catalogues should be developed and tested prior to deployment.
- *The ITJSG approved the action to deploy DIRAMS V5.0.*

SICM v4.0 Issue

- Tom Campana stated that successful deployment of SICM v4.0 and DIRAMS v5.0 should give DCMC-B the ability to compile 8 metrics that are currently missing.

PLAS v9.04 Milestone I Request Approval (to select option to proceed w/ the Acquisition)- Don Peterson

- Don Peterson briefed the PLAS V9.04, Milestone 0 (Mission Need Statement) and Milestone 1 (to Begin/Proceed with a new Acquisition) Approval request.
- The current PLAS 9.04 information was incorporated into the standard ITJSG Milestone 0 and Milestone 1 Templates provided by the ITJSG chairman.

Functionality

- "Time" has been contracted with developer for FY99- can either add functionality to existing platform, or migrate to internet use/32 bit structure, for the 9.04 release.
- COL Hill stated that the PLAS v9.03 should have undergone Functional and Operational Testing before being deployed.
- Joan Donahue clarified that PLAS 9.03 did not go before the ITJSG since COL Bob Olear said PLAS would start getting formal with 9.04. However, PLAS 9.03 did have testing before it was deployed.
- *Because the 9.03 release focused on enhancing remote user capability, the team chose the 9.04 release to focus on increasing PLAS Functionality, subsequent releases (FY01) will visit web/bit issues.*
- The MNS Approval Request (Milestone 0) was summarized in slide #s 3-6.

- Slides 3-4 detail the many functional improvements that 9.04 will give PLAS users (i.e. Improved Response Time Disk/Cache, Timecard Screen Changes, Change Work Codes for Regular Day Off (RDO), Store future tours, Process Code Drilldown etc…)
- Slides 7-16 address the Milestone 1 Request (Concept Exploration ending w/ Approval to Begin New Acquisition).
- COL Sutliff had concerns regarding PLAS:

1) *Dual entry process*- is redundant/antiquated/expensive especially for the timekeepers.
2) *Many options to scroll through*- also slows users down.

- The PLAS/ATAAPS interface (currently on hold awaiting the new version of ATAAPS) will eliminate the dual entry problem.
- For the past 2 years, PLAS has had a palette feature that enables users to avoid scrolling through unused menu options.

 Benefits Measurement Plan

- Donna McKalip stated that Benefit Measurement Metrics (9.03 vs. 9.04 entry cycle times, % accuracy increase) should be established and incorporated into the Project Plan.
- *The ITJSG approved the action to develop and brief to the ITJSG a PLAS 9.04 Benefits Measurement Plan..*
- PLAS 9.04 is projected to deploy by 10/1/99.
- *The ITJSG approved the MNS as valid, and selected the recommended option of performing a minor upgrade to the existing application (9.04). The upgrade to incorporate web-based structure and 32 bit operational capability will occur in FY01.*
- The PLAS team agreed to notify the ITJSG of the date the PLAS 9.04 Acquisition Program Baseline (APB) would be presented to the group in order to meet the projected deployment schedule.

CAS Component Directory and Starguide Project Status- Vic Szabo

- Vic Szabo provided the attached CAS Timeline and summarized the CAS Project Plan to the group.
- The timeline was developed per a meeting between Sharon Tillman (DCMC-BG) Gary Underwood (Contractor).
- CAS is projected to deploy by 11/1/99.
- COL Hill recommended to deploy before 11/1/99 due to the Y2K blackout period (11/1 to 1/15).
- *The ITJSG approved the action for Vic Szabo to incorporate the project timeline into MS Project '98 and deliver to Donna McKalip (Integrated Deployment Scheduling Group -IDSG Chief) to be posted on the IDSG Schedule webpage.*